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WITHIN THE WEEK

The situation in internal China is becoming increasingly serious. We think you should have a quick picture of issues and conditions. Basically, of course, the feud is older than most of the participants. China is a land of violent contrasts. Her 400 million differ widely in economic standards, social and political concepts. They differ in languages, religions.

The so-called Communists, who center in north China, seek among other things a system of land reform. There are a good many moderates, including SUN FO, son of Dr SUN YAT-SEN, who favor an industrial and social democracy. But CHIANG, primarily a fighting man, puts faith in force. This bald statement places leader of Central gov't in rather unjust light. There are extenuating circumstances which we lack space to develop here.

Up to closing mo's of Pacific war it is probable Communists were stronger militarily than Central gov't. But Allied aid to CHIANG has altered picture. Communists of late have charged U S forces with participation in China's internal struggle. In a sense, this charge is untrue, yet foundationed in fact. Central gov't has been our horse all along; we've backed it across the boards. While Communists continue to occupy most of north China, armies of Central gov't have taken control of key points (Peiping, Tientsin). We

helped them wrest these areas from Japs. Our lend-lease weapons made victory possible; our transports hauled Chungking troops into Communist-controlled areas. And we have maintained garrisons in combat zones.

Mid-wk statement by Sec'y BYRNES that we plan to withdraw Marines from China's hot spots does not reflect sudden decision. It is according to plan. However, next step was for us to establish permanent American military mission in China, with approval of Joint Chiefs of Staff, to complete training and modernizing Chungking army and air force. (Lt Gen'l WEDEMEYER is presumably now in China for this purpose.) Plan further contemplated sale of surplus U S military stores to CHIANG. What may come of this proposal now isn't entirely clear.

It appeared, a few wks ago, that CHIANG and Communists might get together. But now Central gov't armies push out from key points in north, looking toward integrated system of control. This means direct contact with Communists, with local clashes. It's dangerous, of course.

In all this, attitude of Russia is most significant. Technically, Russia is committed not to intervene. There's a report (unestablished) that Russians have been giving the Chinese Communists Japanese arms stores from Manchuria.



SHIFTING SANDS

It is worth noting that two Washington news letters this wk, commenting on the Administration wage-price program, used an identical word: "fuzzy". . . In a current report OPINION RESEARCH implies industry is in some degree responsible for its present plight thru failure to tell its story more aggressively to public. Report shows public believes corporate profits average 30% in wartime; 18% in peace. By contrast, Treasury analysis of income statements shows venture capital working normally for 5 to 6%, with a 15 yr average down to 3.3%. If cross-section of gen'l public holds such beliefs, you begin to understand why labor argues that corporations can grant 30% wage increase without increasing prices. . . Despite terrific promotion that has been planned, those on inside say privately that current Victory Loan will be tough to put over.

Logic, no matter how strong, is poor substitute for emotional appeal



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"The Japanese clubbed and threw sticks at an electric engine which failed in the rice fields; because a hen ate her own egg for lack of food, they cooped her up 24 hrs more without food."—T/S MORRIS S ROBERTS, a ret'g veteran, giving insight to peculiar Oriental thought processes.

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"I guess Cupid must have shot me with a machine gun!"—Comment of a Ga girl who suddenly found herself engaged to 5 different servicemen.

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"We believe that this must be the oldest instrument in the world."—Dr NAJI AL ASIL, director of antiquities for Iraq gov't, commenting on a sickle found in a grave near Ur (site of civilization of Abraham). Scientists say newly unearthed findings place beginning of civilization 5000-6000 B C, or about 2000 yrs earlier than previous evidence had shown.

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"There's nothing more comic than men and women chasing around in their nightshirts. And the firemen breaking down doors—they were better than a circus."—JEAN FRANCES, porter, arrested for starting a fire in a Paris hotel.

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"I objected to earning the job and then paying for it. I figured the Army was a better deal than that."—MYRON F OLIVER, of Caldwell, Idaho, Discharged from the Army Oct 12, TAYLOR re-enlisted 2 wks later rather than pay \$50 initiation fee to AFofL Sheet Metal Workers' union in order to keep his civilian job.

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"I believe there should be one family instead of three."—Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, suggesting merger of army, navy, and airforce into single fighting agency with one uniform for all.

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"We thought the end of the world had come."—Cpl HARVEY A SMITH, a prisoner of war in Japan, commenting on reactions to the Nagasaki bomb explosion. (Cpl SMITH was 100 mi away, and deep in a mine when the atomic bomb was dropped. He reported "an awful shaking of the earth.")

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YOU ON THAT?"

"The world of tomorrow will not be any bright new world, but the same old world with patches."—HANSON W BALDWIN, military expert of N Y Times.

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"It will be an awful nuisance."—Mrs GEORGE V COWENHOVENS, of East Orange, N J, when informed that her husband had inherited \$1,307,825 from an uncle.

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"Discovery of the atom bomb is the most momentous development in world history since the birth of Jesus Christ."—Sen BRIEN McMAHON.

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"If the white man does not carry his burden in the Pacific, another race will carry his coffin."—CARL A BERENDSEN, New Zealand's Minister to the U S.

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"If we keep on drafting men now that the war is over, the nation may well lose its head start in the atomic field."—Dr CHARLES A THOMAS, director, American Chemical Society.

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"We shall have atomic energy and much else besides."—Foreign Commissar VYACHESLAV M MOLOTOV, addressing a meeting of his countrymen at Moscow, and expressing disapproval of secrecy on developments in the field of atomic energy.

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"We like Harry Truman the man, but find increasing dissatisfaction welling up in our minds on the actions of Harry Truman the statesman."—Sen ALEXANDER WILEY, Wis Republican, addressing the Senate in a speech where he asserted that the President's program "out-New Deals the New Deal, with never a heed as to where the money is coming from."

"Personally, I would say Germany is a very good place to keep the British Army."—Field Marshal Sir BERNARD L MONTGOMERY.

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"I wouldn't be surprised to see Adolf turn up someday. After what he's done it is hard to say what he's capable of doing."—ALOIS HITLER, half-brother of ADOLF HITLER.

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"America has not felt war at all but has carried on with its factories exactly in the same way as in peace time."—Sir JOSEPH STANLEY HOLMES, British Industrialist.

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"Give every boy a dog and the juvenile delinquency problem will be solved."—GROVER SELLERS, Texas Att'y Gen'l, who insists that experience bears out his theory.

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"We've heard rumors of 'Two-gun' Patton running for congress. Therefore we'd appreciate the privilege of nominating our candidate—the ever-popular Bill Mauldin. We sincerely believe he is the only person capable of opposing this would-be politician."—Group of 29 GI's in Italy, in a statement given United Press. (MAULDIN, cartoonist, who tangled with Gen'l PATTON in Italy because he wouldn't "dress up" his dogfaces Willy and Joe, has currently retired these heroes from his daily cartoon feature. . . Gen'l PATTON, discussing past warriors fortnight ago, was asked about Caesar. "Caesar?" he thundered. "That guy couldn't have made colonel on my staff!")

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"The clinging-vine type of woman, I fear, will never ret'n, because there's nothing for her to cling to."—A discreetly anonymous psychologist of the U of Chicago, noting that as women grow sturdier, they center their affections upon the frailer male specimens. "I refer, of course," he adds, "to the Sinatratrics and the Van Johnsonites." (This wk, FRANK SINATRA flopped miserably in effort to win Gary, Ind high school students on strike because they aver Principal NUZUM favors Negro scholars. In NY, ALICE HUGHES, syndicate writer, quoted bobbysox contingent: "Frank is getting too conceited; his autographs are a dime a doz.")

"I will not be a candidate for any public office in the next election."—JAS ROOSEVELT. (FDR's eldest son added that he would "participate" in California politics.)

On the Other Hand...



"Atomic bombs capable of obliterating New York with a single hit are just around the corner. I can see no future protection for mankind except living underground at great depth, or complete dispersal of population over large areas."—Prof L M OLIPHANT, Britain's leading authority on atomic fission.

"Devastation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki was due to flimsy wood construction. If such a bomb were dropped over one of our cities, we would lose a lot of glass, if the windows were closed. Chicago would require a large number of atomic bombs to do any great damage. I doubt that such a bomb could sink a battleship unless it scored a direct hit."—Maj ALEXANDER P DE SEVERSKY, well known warplane designer; author, *Victory Thru Air Power*.



"This world is too small to hold 70 million Japs and twice that many Americans unless the 70 million change radically."—Rear Admiral THOMAS L GATCH, in an address to the Military Order of the World Wars.

"If your people don't shoot me for Pearl Harbor, I guess I'll be a farmer."—Lt Comdr YOSHIO SHIGA, who participated in the Pearl Harbor raid.

"Sometimes I'm not so sure I really changed professions. Lion taming and orchestra conducting have certain things in common. Both require experience, special training, psychology, sensitivity and a high degree of coordination."—JAMES K GUTHRIE, one of the youngest symphony conductors in the U S, who started out to be an animal trainer.

"If she's going to be turned into razor blades, she'll make good razor blades—the best."—Chief Water Tender RAYMOND J RUSSELL, of Union City, Tenn, while dismantling his old ship, the destroyer USS Patterson, for her graveyard.

"You can pinch me and see."—DEANNA DURBIN, motion picture star, assuring Gen'l CLIFFORD BLEUEL, captured at Bataan, that Japs were lying when they reported her dead. (The Gen'l accepted the invitation—pinched discreetly.)

"Let us have redeployment for the back-seat drivers, Monday morning quarterbacks and political pop-offs."—Mayor EDW KELLY, of Chicago, addressing Iowa Democrats at Des Moines, seeking party loyalty and nat'l unity for Pres TRUMAN.

"He was the only man who could make a financial report sound like an after-dinner speech."—CHAUNCEY MCCORMICK, pres, Chicago's Art Institute, expressing regret at resignation of board mbr, CHAS H BURKHOLDER, departing after 44 yrs of service.

"Anyone who thinks that he is going to re-educate the Germans in a hurry is crazy."—Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER.

"An Italian fisherman told me he would carry 12 of us to N Y in his shrimp boat for 20 cartons of cigarets, 1 American civilian suit, 1 pr of GI shoes, 10 lbs of sugar, 10 lbs of coffee and 2 boxes of chocolates for his bambino."—A GI, in a letter to *Stars & Stripes*, suggesting that the Army allow troops eligible for return home to provide their own transportation.

"I would prefer battle or fire damage control." — Lt PHILIP STROMBACK, damage control officer on the battleship *Missouri*, surveying results of public inspection. Armed with pliers, wrenches and pen knives, souvenir hunters swiped everything loose—and much that wasn't. (Group of school children even attempted to hack out main deck plates commemorating Japanese surrender ceremony.)

"We would have had a larger attendance at this meeting, except for the fact that the street-cars aren't running."—Spokesman at mass meeting of Washington's street-car conductors. (The conductors, on strike this wk, have now voted to ret'n to work.)

"I know how you feel; it's pretty hard on you, but you have to take your medicine. You will have to sit in sackcloth and ashes for a little while."—Rep ALFRED L BULWINKLE, a N Carolina Democrat, chiding his Republican colleagues on election ret'n's in N Y, Cleveland, Pittsburg and Boston.

"Some people called Hirohito the son of God—but to me he's another kind of a son."—Adm WILLIAM F HALSEY, colorful 3rd Fleet commander.

"By empire preferences we are endeavoring to maintain our family lives. Is it not fair that members of a family should give a better deal to one another than to strangers?"—Lord BENNETT, former Canadian prime minister, declaring that the U S was asking too much in demanding that Britain abandon empire preferences.



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Ads to Save Souls?—American Wkly, 11-4-'45.

If forward-looking English churchmen have their way, Britons soon may open their papers and magazines to find full-page ads "selling" something seldom offered thru such a worldly and commercial medium—Christianity.

Widespread and vigorous use of advertising by the Church has been urged by a committee of prominent pastors and laymen who feel that, since the gospel teachings of tolerance, peace and loving one's neighbor are the most important messages that could be circulated on this earth, the Church should adopt the methods of big business.

Critics who protest that religion's most effective advertising must be the example of citizenship and brotherly love set by Christians in their daily lives find the advocates of advertising in ready agreement. But as pointed out by Dr W E Sangster, pastor of Westminster's Central Hall, London:

"Many people criticise religion without knowing what it really is. Antagonists sometimes tilt at beliefs which intelligent Christians do not hold.

"There is a complete answer to all these libels, but it is only given in churches and religious books, and the mass of people do not hear it. Clear and sincere publicity in the press, without denominational bias, could give the answers.

"Perhaps men and women are not likely to be converted by advertisements alone, but if their prejudices are cleared out 1st, and their honest intellectual difficulties patiently met, the way is prepared for acceptance of the finest things religion has to give."

ADVERSITY

Trouble teaches us two things: who our friends really are, and who have been waiting to catch us bent over at the right angle.—*Charley Jones' Laugh Book.*

ATOMIC AGE

The development of the atomic bomb is merely the most recent important step of that steady progression of science that is compelling man to become human. He must pay careful attention to co-operation, education, and the welfare of society if he is to thrive under the conditions that science imposes. If we will let ourselves grow as thus indicated, the civilization of the atomic age promises to be the richest that history has known, not only with regard to material bounty but also in its cultivation and appreciation of the truest human values.—A H COMP-
TON, "Atomic Power in War and Peace," *Saturday Review of Literature*, 10-27-'45.

CHURCH—Growth

From 1930 to 1942 our population increased 9.1%, while church membership during that same period increased 12.9%. The church may be dying, as we are so often told, but like Browning's martyr she can at least say, "I was some time a-dying."—WILLARD L SPEERY, *Religion in the Post-War World*, vol I. (Harvard U Press)

COMPROMISE

The middle way is frequently taken by those who do not know where they are going, and so find comfort in having company on both sides.—Prof F A HARPER, *American Affairs*.

DRINK—Drinking

The trouble with people who drink like fishes is that they don't drink what fishes drink!—*Louisville Courier-Jnl.*

EDUCATION

The American ideal has shifted from the sentiment that every child has an inalienable right to an education, to the conviction that every boy and girl has a right only

to the education on which he gives promise of making an adequate social ret'n, provided he is willing to make an adequate effort to get it.—HERBERT E HAWKES, *Thru a Dean's Open Door.* (McGraw-Hill)

They DO say. . .

Current hit of Berlin music halls is *Berlin Wird Wieder* (freely, "Berlin Will Stage a Comeback.") But significant point is that song was ordered and paid for by Russians who count it important that enemy has some future objective. . . EISENHOWER report (as published) didn't disclose that considerable German discontent results from fact that U S occupying troops monopolize German women. . . Chicago, which has scarcely had a spare hotel bedroom in mo's, is sending elaborate brochure to 2500 organization heads, seeking add'l conventions! . . . A real-life one you mystery and adventure hounds won't want to miss: *Starling of The White House* (Simon & Schuster) by the man who headed White House secret service for 3 decades.

EVIL—Contact With

Sophronius had a fair daughter named Eulalia, and she asked his permission to visit the worldly Lucinda. "I cannot allow it," said the Greek father.

"Then you must think me exceedingly weak," said the daughter indignantly. He picked up a dead coal from the hearth and handed it to her, but she hesitated to accept it. When she took it, the whiteness of her hand was instantly gone.

"We cannot be too careful in handling coals," said the vexed daughter.

"No," said the father solemnly, "for even when they do not burn, they blacken."—*The Sunday at Home.*

FANATICISM

A fanatic is a person who is highly enthusiastic about something in which you are not even remotely interested.—*Successful Farming.*

FREEDOM—In America

The tripod of American freedom is political liberty, civil and religious liberty and competitive enterprise. They stand or fall together.—H W PRENTIS, Jr., "Which Shall It Be?" *American Affairs*, 10-'45.

HOARDING

Luigi Tarisio was found dead with scarce a comfort in his home, but with 246 exquisite fiddles which he had been collecting all his life, crammed into an attic. In very devotion to the violin he had robbed the world of all that music all the time he treasured them.—W Y FULERTON, *Free Methodist*.

INDUSTRY—Size

Last yr, Gen'l Motors produced and sold more—in dollar value—than did the entire U S in 1869—just 75 yrs ago!

LANGUAGE—English

The United Nations indictment against Nazi war criminals has brought a new word into the English language—genocide. It was coined by Prof Raphael Lemkin, of Duke university, in North Carolina, who is now in London. It is from the ancient Greek "genos" meaning race or tribe, and the Latin "cide" meaning killing.—*London Times*. NOTE: The word occurs in count III of the indictment in which it is stated that all 24 defendants "conducted deliberate and systematic genocide, viz, the extermination of racial and nat'l groups, against the civilian populations of certain occupied territories."

MINORITY GROUPS

So long as the average American permits himself the apparently harmless indulgence of cussing the Jews, or damning the Catholics, or feeling superior to the Negroes, or taking out his hatred and fear of Japan on Americans of Japanese parentage, the hard and durable spore of all the worst kinds of bigotry is preserved, and can be watered and tended and fertilized by fanatics and lunatics and politicians willing to build up a clique by any method.—WALLACE STEGNER, *One Nation*. (Houghton, Mifflin)

NEW WORLD

If we wish to make a new world we have the materials ready; the first one was made out of chaos.—ROB'T QUILLEN.

PATRIOTISM—Nationalism

Most people do not distinguish between nationalism and patriotism. But the difference is deep. To love one's country—that is patriotism. To give one's country supremacy over all other loyalties—that is nationalism.—*Church Mgt.*

Little People

... They never have expected much of life,
Some bread, a hut, freedom from fear and strife;
Not theirs the blame of war, and yet they pay
With everything they have, day after day:
O, God, the Little People are so thinly worn,
Their shoulders sag, too long they've borne
The yoke of war. Speak to the hearts of men
That Little People may not pay again.
—MARY V FARNUM, in "The Line Book of '45," *Chicago Tribune*.

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophers are people who talk about something they don't understand, and make you think it's your fault.—*Parade*.

PROGRESS

Charles Beard, the historian, has advanced what might be called the "calamity theory" of progress. This theory holds that most of our progress springs from tragedy and catastrophe. We don't get an internat'l iceberg-reporting system until a *Titanic* sinks. We don't get social security until a nat'l economic depression creates wholesale unemployment. We don't get a United Nations until we have two world wars. If this theory is correct, then the psychological tailspin that peace has thrown us into should be halted with bunting and a 60-pc band. Deeper and darker impressions may be what our spirits need.—WM DOW BOUTWELL, "What Can We Substitute For War?" *Nat'l Parent-Teacher*, 11-'45.



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If you would like to get up to date on the Book Club situation, it is about as follows:

Contrary to popular belief Literary Guild now has somewhat larger mbrship than Book-of-The-Month (about 800,000 against 600,000). Book-of-The-Month was pretty hard hit by paper rationing, while Literary Guild was probably able to divert some paper from other interests. Book-of-The-Month is now readying the biggest promotion program in their history. Goal is said to be 1,500,000 mbrs.

The People's Book Club (Sears, Roebuck) was, of course, another war casualty. They had perhaps 200,000 mbrs when war was declared; have been pretty well scotched at that point by paper famine. However, their formula has been proved. People like the club. Sears distribution is a tremendous potential. Trade in gen'l inclines to view People's as strong contender in the field.

Smaller specialized book clubs haven't flourished proportionately, due in some cases to lack of aggressive management. Labor Book Club (United Auto Workers) has been making significant tests; should soon be ready to go. Leans a bit to the left and will sell at low price of 83¢. Reynal & Hitchcock supervise publishing for this group. It could be big. Religious Book Club buys from publishers whose titles are selected. Current orders reflect some growth.

Book trade in gen'l anticipates dizzy expansion thru next 5 yrs at least. They say wartime distribution of books has gained millions of new readers and they hope reading habit will prove permanent.



AUTOMOBILE: Ice-proof windshield, newly-invented, consists of circulation of heated fluid between 2 sheets of hermetically sealed glass. (*Grit*)

AVIATION: Engineers are working on idea of a glass airplane so tough even bullets will bounce from it. (*Grit*)

Personal planes of near future will not require radio headphones for guidance in landing. Sound-proof cabins, muffled engines permit use of conventional speaker. (*Business Wk*)

INVENTIONS: Army is perfecting mechanical aid to guide blind around obstacles. Light beam reflected back from object actuates earphone with coded signals indicating distance to object. Not ready for practical use. Disadvantages: 9-lb weight; cannot detect small obstacles. (*AP dispatch*)

LIGHTING: *Fingalite*, tiny electric torch worn like finger ring, lights small areas for inspection, leaving hands free for tools. Current thru insulated cable from battery clipped to belt. (*Sales Mgt*)

PHOTOGRAPHY: New photo-production process, developed by Glenn L Martin Co, permits engineering plans to be photographed on sheet metal with uniform accuracy; eliminates many steps in tool-making. (*Forbes*)

PROCESSES: From Frankfurt, Germany comes report of new process for transforming rubble into bricks and bldg stone. There's no lack of raw material!

SCIENCE: Multiple microscope permits 10 persons to view slides simultaneously. Has special value for classrooms. (*Scholastic*)

RECONSTRUCTION

World reconstruction too easily suggests the false picture of ourselves as architects planning to restore a demolished building. The fundamental truth is that we ourselves are part of the ruin.—J H OLDHAM, *Ark Baptist*.

RELIGION—Defined

Religion is a soul with its allegiance fixed, moving about the common streets with the stamp and seal of forever on it. It is bolted down to eternity as an engine is bolted down to a cement floor, lest it shake itself to pieces in ten minutes.—PAUL E SCHERER, "One World At a Time," *The Pastor*, 10-45.

SIZE—Dangers in

No garden should be so big as to require paid help. No boat should need a hired hand. For as soon as that outside nonamateur is doing some of the work, the owner starts to retire. The gardener begins by carrying heavy loam, but soon does some weeding and ends up cutting flowers for the dining-room table.—MORRIS L ERNST, autobiography *The Best is Yet*. (Harper)

THOUGHT

"How can I tell what I think," queried the debutante, "until I hear what I say?"—*Vagabond*.

VETERAN—Employment

To shrug off the (veteran employment) situation by saying that "their old jobs are waiting for them" is in many—if not most cases—plain foolishness. How can capable young men who have grown accustomed to making decisions which had to be right; to giving orders; to collaborating with their fellows to solve quickly difficult problems that would have stumped many of their bosses back home—how can we expect these boys to slip quietly back to the old post of elevator operator, office boy, or gas station attendant? When a boy has successfully carried out an order like this: "Sgt, clear a patch thru this mine-field," there is a certain flatness about a civilian order which says: "Boy, take this package up to Gombel & Co."—J CHAP-

MAN BRADLEY, "The Job-Finding Forum," *Church Mgt*, 10-45.

The First Thanksgiving Proclamation

This was made by Governor Bradford three years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth and was profoundly religious:

"To all ye Pilgrims:

"Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all his blessings.

"William Bradford,
"Ye Governor of Ye Colony."

WAR—Cost

In the period between Sarajevo and Iwo Jima—31 yrs—there have been nearly 100 million war casualties, a figure equal to two-thirds the population of the U S. Of these, 22 million were killed outright.—*From a bulletin issued by AMERICAN ASS'N FOR UNITED NATIONS, Inc.*

WEALTH

The miserly old uncle, on his deathbed, sent for his only heir to impart a word of advice, "Remember, my boy," he said, "wealth does not bring happiness."

"I don't expect it to," replied the youth, "I merely want it so I may choose the kind of misery that is most agreeable to me."

Man of the Future

The new book by ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS, *Meet Your Ancestors*, (Viking, \$3) deals chiefly with the past. But a concluding chapter gives us an intriguing forecast of the future—the distant future.

Human beings, half a million yrs from now, would be caricatures in our eyes—something out of a bad dream. Big round heads, almost globular, hairless as a billiard ball, even the women! Very clever these future people will be—much more intelligent than we are, for their brains will be better developed—but alas, at the expense of hearing, tasting, seeing, and smelling. Their faces will be smaller than ours, actually, and in proportion to the swollen heads. Shortened jaws will carry only 26 teeth instead of 32. Shorter bodies are predicted, with longer legs and only 4 toes. These future humans will be several inches taller than we are.

These people will not be attractive, judged by our standards. We might hesitate to invite one of them to dinner, were he to appear in advance of his time, except that his conversational brilliance would put the rest of us to shame. Yet he would have some physical advantages over us. No sinus trouble, even in the worst weather. In speaking of operations, he'd never mention appendicitis. Nor would he be afflicted with hernia. Falling of the uterus would be unknown to his wife. He'd have a much stronger back than ours. . .

Such predictions aren't pure guesswork. To a certain extent we can judge the future by the past. Everything I have so confidently stated is based on the known progress of human evolution. Before us is the visible evidence of fossil human skeletons, beginning with Java Ape-Man, more than half a million yrs old. Future bodily development is bound to follow natural laws, modified by our unnatural life in civilization.

What will happen to future man mentally and spiritually we can only guess. Dr Harry Shapiro says: "Inevitably in this long period of time civilizations will have declined and new ones arisen. (Man) may come perilously near to barbarity, but will rise to dizzier heights. There is nothing in human history inconsistent with this view."

Tomorrow's Family

Let's visit the Babcocks, a suburban family of the not too distant future. Their home is fashioned of standardized parts, yet distinctive in arrangement. You can put your hand on a lamp and feel no heat. The light is cold. There are periodicals, but microfilm replaces books. There is no soap in the house. A stream of detergent dissolves dirt. The only razor Babcock ever saw was his grandfather's. He shaves by rubbing a depilatory liquid on his face.

When Mrs Babcock orders dinner, she studies 20 bills of fare, phones Consolidated Food Co to deliver the complete meal in a vacuum container. She serves the food on plastic ware so cheap it will not be re-used. The food will be largely synthetic, prepared by chemists, not empirical cooks.—WALDEMAR KAEMPFERT, *Science Today and Tomorrow* (Viking, \$2.75).

But the pessimist is entitled to his opinion. The human species may not continue to exist for another half million yrs. With his wonderful brain man may destroy himself. Each yr he masters more of nature's forces. They enable him to fly in the air like the birds; to travel beneath the sea as do the whales and fishes; to talk without wires to the ends of the earth.

Thruout written human history wars have marched hand in hand with civilization. Every day man develops new and more terrible engines with which to destroy his own kind and the fruit of his labor. It is highly probable that the human race could not survive another war without being mortally injured. . . Man's history on earth has been incredibly short and brilliant. Like a meteor flashing across the sky he has risen to control the animate world, but he may burn out as rapidly as that same shooting star, leaving behind only the dead records of his glorious past.



The Bride Wore Wisdom

JANIS SCHNEIDER

My town is like a city of Purple Hearts. Not that the familiar white-edged ribbons are often seen. The studied gait of the soldier making his public debut with artificial limb is evidence enough. For my town is an amputee center.

Window-shopping, I saw a car festooned with ribbons and "Just Married" sign, parked in front of a bldg. Curious, I wandered over. From the edge of the crowd, I could see part way up a dimly-lighted staircase which led to a photographer's studio. As bystanders waited for sight of the bride, from above there came a dull thump-step, thump-step resounding down the narrow passageway. At last I was able to make out the gleaming white train of a satin bridal gown and the khaki-clad legs of a soldier.

The bride seemed to float down the stairs, yet, as if unaware, she kept even with the halting descent of the man beside her. Suddenly from behind me there came a choked whisper, "Oh, he has an artificial leg!"

"How young and brave they are," I thought. Then I knew that they were also wise.

The bride had stopped at the curb. As if inspired, she looked helplessly toward her husband, then down at the gutter where a small puddle of water lay between her and the waiting car. She spoke, and her words brought a flash of renewed confidence and manliness to the face of the young man in uniform.

"Please, dear," she whispered, "please help me across this puddle."—Abridged from *Coronet*.

A young doctor and a young dentist shared the services of a receptionist and both fell in love with her.

The dentist was called away on business, so he sent for the receptionist and said: "I am going to be away for 10 days. You will find a little present in your room."

She went in, and found 10 apples.—*Financial Post*. (Toronto)

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"Well, son," asked the father, "how are your marks at school?"

"Under water," was the cryptic response.

"And what do you mean by that?" persisted the parent.

"Well," said the son reluctantly, "they're all below 'C' level."

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Two little boys were bragging about the relative accomplishments of their respective fathers. Billy appeared to have an edge when he insisted, "My father's an Eagle, an Elk, a Moose and a Lion."

"Yeah?" responded the incredulous companion. "How much does it cost to see him?"—*Charley Jones Laugh Book*.



OF THE WEEK

Some people have heads like doorknobs—anybody can turn them.—*Arkansas Baptist*.

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Violent exercise after 40 is especially harmful if you do it with a knife and fork.—*NEA Jnl*.

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A lie is a poor substitute for the truth, but the only one so far discovered.—*This Month*.

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Money can be lost in more ways than won.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

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The veteran lecturer, Dr Wm Lyon Phelps, was always at his best in the question period following a lecture. On one occasion the audience had handed up a number of written questions, relating to current books and plays. By mistake, one listener sent up her grocery list.

Solemnly, and as a gag, I read off the list to Dr Phelps, item by item: 1 doz oranges, corn flakes, whole wheat bread, 2 doz eggs, bananas, butter.

The prof listened gravely, and without change of expression commented:

"I recommend them all."

This younger generation of ours is plenty smart. Take the boy who had asked his father how wars started.

"Well," said Dad, "suppose America quarreled with England and—"

"But," interrupted the mother, "America must never quarrel with England."

"I know," said the father, "but I am only taking a hypothetical instance."

"You are misleading the child," protested the mother.

"No, I am not," shouted the father.

"Never mind, Dad," put in the boy, "I think I know how wars start."—*Volta Review*.

The director of a radio show wanted to get the sound effect of water being poured out of a barrel onto some boards. They tried peas on oiled paper but that wasn't it. They tried dropping pins on a taut square of silk, and that wasn't it.

Finally, a quiet fellow who was standing nearby, said, "Suppose you try pouring water out of a barrel onto some boards."

They did and that was it.—*Wall St Jnl*.

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Woodrow Wilson, despite his sober disposition, possessed a quick wit. One day, during an animated conversation, his glasses slipped down perilously near the end of his nose.

"Your glasses are almost on your mouth," his companion warned.

"That's all right," Mr. Wilson answered, with a smile. "I want to see what I'm talking about."—*Banking*.

